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PRODUCT REVIEW: STARTER FULL FEATURE HAM RIGS THAT WON'T BREAK YOUR BANK

- When new and old hams ask me about buying a used or new rig. I ask the question can you fix an older rig that you may or may not get parts for? Otherwise I recommend 3 current radios that are easy to use and buying new you get the warranty! The **Icom 7300** is now at \$995.95 way down from \$1499.95 in 2016. The **Yaesu FT-450D** is \$719.95 original price \$1100.00. The third is the **Icom IC-718** currently \$559.95 after rebate. All 3 of these transceivers I have had and used. The FT 450 for the price is a great little rig with 6 meters. The IC 718 is a nice easy to use, doesn't cover 6 but is a great first rig with out all the bells and whistles of the more expensive rigs (most of which you will never use). Save the money for a good antenna! The IC 7300 is the newest radio and is a direct conversion SDR radio. It has a lot of the bells and whistles and mated with its sister rig the IC 9700 UHF/VHF transceiver you will have a great combo for your station.

IC 7300: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B6zi9SxHIVA>



FT-450:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=Ob3qvs3h95Y>



IC 718: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAh7G-Y6KFM>



RADIO HISTORY : SGC Inc SGC was formed as a partnership by Pierre Goral and Don Stoner in 1971 to develop a company that would apply a "leading edge technology" to the production of high frequency communication equipment. 60th of these men brought extensive experience in design and construction of radio equipment to the company. Don was known for his many publications in the field of ham radio, (see Mini #24) and Pierre had become a leading expert in getting top performance out of HF systems. (See <http://sgcworld.com/history.html> for the rest of SGC history)



HOW TO: SIMPLE PORTABLE ANTENNA MOUNTS - Here are several that won't break the bank!



MFJ 351T Visegrip 3/8-24 antenna connection mount ham stick etc. Grips 1.25" masts,

MFJ 347 Mini dipole mount using ham sticks, whip antennas, tele-scoping elements. Up to 1 1/4" mast.



MFJ-1936T QuickStik spike mount 4"x3/8" ground rod with 3/8-24 posts, etc.



MFJ 1901 Portable ground coupled antenna base. 2' x 2' stainless steel base with 4 folding legs. Includes 2 pipe clamps and SO 239 coax connection.



Thanks for your comments! As usual stay tuned!
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You won't go wrong with any of these transceivers! I hope this helps? (Editor's note: my son Ken KB2SFS has a 718, and despite not having any tubes it's a pretty good radio....WB2AWQ)

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